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SUBJ: BOLIVIAN CANDIDATES

REF: WEST POINT MESSAGE 232000Z MAY 75

2. WE HAVE RECEIVED WITH VERY DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT THE NEWS THAT NEITHER BOLIVIAN CANDIDATE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION USMA.

2. IN CASE OF GONZALO DANIEL BERNAL, SON OF BOLIVIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL BERNAL, THE FAILURE IS ESPECIALLY UNFORTUNATE. GEN. BERNAL IS A HIGHLY ESTEEMED OFFICER WITH GREAT INFLUENCE IN BOLIVIA AND WITH AN EXCEPTIONALLY FAVORABLE POSTURE TOWARDS US. SUCH A POSTURE IS INCREASINGLY VALUABLE TO THE US AT THIS TIME SINCE WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ACCEDE TO BOLIVIAN ARMY REQUEST FOR VARIOUS MATERIAL AND FMS CREDITS.

3. GEN BERNAL'S SON IS EQUALLY KNOWN FOR HIS STAUNCH US ATTITUDE AND GENERAL ABILITY, AS POINTED OUT BY ARMA IN HIS 24 FEB 75 LETTER. TRAINING AT USMA WOULD BE A DEFINITE ASSET IN THE FORMATION OF A YOUNG MAN WHO HAS GREAT POTENTIAL AS A FUTURE LEADER IN BOLIVIA.

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4. I RECOGNIZE THAT NUMEROUS FACTORS ARE

CONSIDERED IN SELECTING CANDIDATES FOR  
ADMISSION TO USMA AND THAT ALL MUST BE CARE-  
FULLY AND FAIRLY WEIGHED. I WOULD NEVERTHELESS

DEEPLY APPRECIATE ANY POSSIBLE RECONSIDERATION  
OF THE CASE OF YOUNG BERNAL, WHOSE CASE IS  
VIEWED HERE WITH CONCERN BY THE US DEFENSE  
ATTACHE OFFICE, THE US MILGROUP AND MYSELF.  
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